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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR CROSS TIMBERS HEALTH CLINIC, INC.

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, September 1, 2006—Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, today announced Cross Timbers Health Clinic, Inc. has received \$575,000 through the agency's Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program. The funds will be used to purchase a 5,000 square foot building in Brownwood and equipment for the facility. The Brownwood Clinic currently leases a building, but the additional space in the new facility will allow the clinic to meet the need for comprehensive health care in the area.

"USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Programs help rural communities keep pace with the needs of their rising populations," said Daniel. "Rural residents can utilize our programs to help provide essential public services that will enhance the quality of life for all rural residents."

In Fiscal Year 2005, \$5.1 million in Community Facility Guaranteed Loans were obligated in Texas. Funds are used to enhance the quality of life for residents of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development Community Programs have awarded \$1.8 billion for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 1.16 million households in the process.

USDA Rural Development was created in 1994 to serve Texas' more than 3.6 million rural residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Brownwood Local Office at (325) 643-1585, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

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